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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS RE VOA RELAY STATION OKINAWA

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1. AT SECOND DAY OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS RE FUTURE OF VOA RELAY STATION ON OKINAWA FONOFF AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA REQUESTED US SIDE OPEN DISCUSSIONS BY ADDRESSING QUESTION OF RESERVATION OF VOA FREQUENCY AT FORTHCOMING ITU CONFERENCES. PAO DESIGNATE MILLER RESPONDED BY FORMALLY REQUESTING GOJ TO REPRESENT US INTERESTS AT ITU CONFERENCES IN 1974 AND 1975 BY ACTING TO RESERVE FREQUENCY OF 1178 KZ NOW BEING USED FOR BROADCASTING BY OKINAWA VOA. OKAWARA RESPONDED TO THIS REQUEST, STATING THAT THE GOJ WOULD QTE PAY DUE REGARD TO US INTERESTS UNQTE IN PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR JAPANESE DELEGATION TO UPCOMING ITU CONFERENCES.

2. OKAWARA THEN STATED THAT USG REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF JAPANESE POSTION RE CONTINUATION OF VOA RELAY STATION OPERATIONS ON OKINAWA HAD BEEN RE-EXAMINED IN INTERVENING PERIOD BY ALL CONCERNED GOJ MINISTRIES AND PARTICULARLY AT SENIOR LEVELS OF FOREIGN AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES. AS RESULT OF THIS RE-EXAMINATION GOJ HAD DECIDED IT MUST RECONFIRM ITS POSITION
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AS STATED MAY 7 KREF B).

3. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT US SIDE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO COMMUNICATE GOJ POSITION IN DETAIL TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES OF USG CONCERNED WITH MATTER AND SUGGESTED THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT ON THIS ISSUE. OKAWARA AGREED.

4. SUBSEQUENT JAPANESE PRESS COVERAGE OF CONSULTATIONS (OKINAWA REACTIONS REPORTED REF C) HAS BEEN LARGELY LIMITED TO FACTUAL REPORTING OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY TWO SIDES WITH NO EDITORIALIZING AND LITTLE EMPHASIS ON CONFRONTATION. PRESS CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE MATTER IN ABEYANCE UNTIL WASHINGTON HAS REACTED TO GOJ POSITION.
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